

City of Hampton
Workshop / Regular Council Meeting
March 06, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Coley, Councilperson's Mitcham, Hearn, Meeks, Hutchison, Walls and Byrd.
Also present City Attorney Scott Mayfield, City Manager Andy Pippin, City Clerk Kim Drinkall and Chief of Police Rad Porter.

Mr. Brian Preston District 2 County Commissioner introduced himself to Mayor and Council, stating he looks forward to working with the City.

Mrs. Geraldine Tanner owner of 23 Oak Street, approached Mayor and Council asking for reimbursement for her expenses to repair her front yard at 23 Oak Street. Mrs. Tanner stated when the City put the curbs in on Oak Street it caused water to wash out her front yard. She said she would like the City to make a decision and notify her in writing on what they intend to do in this matter. After a brief discussion Councilperson Mitcham made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Hutchison, under the advisement of the City Attorney to write Mrs. Tanner a letter on the decision of the Council. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Fred Auletta Deputy County Manager for Henry County spoke to Mayor and Council stating it was an honor to serve as District 2 County Commissioner and he looks forward to continuing to serve the people but in a different capacity. He stated he will work with the new County Commissioner Brian Preston, in trying to get Hampton the Senior Center.

Mayor Coley adjourned the workshop meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Coley called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and invocation was given by Councilperson Hutchison.

City Manager Andy Pippin asked the Council to add to the agenda discussion of the Hampton Youth Club.

Councilperson Hearn made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Byrd to amend the agenda to include discussion of the city park bathrooms and the Hampton youth club.

Mr. Arley Lowe 171 Lake Hampton Drive stated March 17th was the Yellow Pollen Festival from 10-5pm, and so far they had 53 vendors. He also stated there would be a lot of activities at 2 West Main Street. There will be a 5K run that will start at 8:00 am. He encouraged everyone to come and enjoy the day at the Yellow Pollen Festival March 17th Downtown Hampton.

Councilperson Hutchison said to mark your calendars that Hampton would be having another "Clean UP Day" May 5th and May 6th. He stated that dumpsters would be located at the police station, City Park and at Wendy's. The times for both days would be from 8:00 to 5:00 p.m.

City Manager Andy Pippin discussed with Mayor and Council our solid waste fee stating that our current provider ADM Sanitation has stated with the current gas prices on the rise that an increase of .60¢ per household would be included on the next contract. Andy Pippin stated he has looked at several other providers and even with this increase ADM was still cheaper. ADM also discussed the

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possibility of offering a curbside recycling services at a rate of \$2.50 per household per month. After a brief discussion it was decided to do a poll of the citizens to see who would be interested in the curbside recycling services.

City Manager Andy Pippin discussed with Mayor and Council allowing Ms. Kimberly Ann Orihuela to open a thrift store at 9 James Street. Andy Pippin stated that it is currently zoned residential the current property owner is using it as commercial property storing gumball machines there. After a brief discussion, Councilperson Hearn made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Mitcham to allow Ms. Orihuela to open a thrift store at 9 James Street and to have the City start the process to rezone the property to commercial. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Councilperson Walls stated that several people who live on Woodlawn Ave. have called him asking him to remove the speed bumps.

Mr. Tucker 18 Woodlawn Ave. stated his house shakes when cars go over the bumps and his quality of life has changed since they put the speed bumps in and he wants them removed.

Councilperson Hutchison was total opposed to removing them stating a little boy was killed on that street and the Council voted to put those speed bumps there.

Councilperson Walls stated the speed bumps on Woodlawn Ave. were very invasive. Councilperson Hearn asked if the City could put a more rounded one there. Councilperson Byrd suggested they remove those on Woodlawn Ave. and put ones down like the ones in Hampton Oaks subdivision but make them 2 foot wider.

After a brief discussion Councilperson Hearn made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Meeks, to replace the speed bumps on Woodlawn Ave. with less invasive ones and to relocate the ones on Woodlawn Ave. to Ridge Drive. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Councilperson Mitcham made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Meeks, to approve the purchase of the property located on Cherry Street, in Land Lot 249 of the 6th district of Henry County, Georgia, for the amount of \$5,000.00. The motion passed 5-1, Councilperson Hearn voted no.

Councilperson Hutchison made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Mitcham, to approve a 3% cost of living raise over total payroll to be distributed equally among the employees. The motion passed unanimously (6-0).

City Manager Andy Pippin informed Mayor and Council that Mr. Chris Morgan of the Hampton Youth Club had approached him to ask for the City's support. City Manager informed the Council that there was \$6,000.00 that was budgeted for the Hampton Youth Club and he was not sure of the procedure for them to get the money. City Clerk informed Council in the past the Hampton Youth Club was asked to write a letter on letter head asking for the City's support and submit it to the city. Mr. Morgan stated he would submit the letter in the morning.

Councilperson Hearn stated over the week-end he had a citizen come to his house and asked if his son could use his restroom, stating they were at the City Park and the bathrooms were locked.

Councilperson Hearn stated he thought the bathrooms were supposed to be open during the day. He also asked the City Manager if the cameras were installed yet.

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The City Manager Andy Pippin stated the cameras were installed and he did not know why the bathrooms were not opened and that he would find out. Councilperson Hutchison stated that he had several complaints about the water fountains not working out at the park. The City Manager stated that the main reason the fountains do not work was due to vandalism, he would also check on the fountains.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

R.W. Coley, Mayor

Kim Drinkall, City Clerk